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PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy and procedure is to be consistent with the requirements of Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 422.128 to ensure adult Medi-Cal beneficiaries served by the Los Angeles County Mental Health Plan (MHP) are provided with information (see Attachment I) concerning their rights under California State Law regarding Advance Health Care Directives and to ensure the information is updated when there are changes in State Law.

POLICY

- 2.1 It is the policy of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LAC-DMH) that all Medi-Cal beneficiaries over the age of 18 be given information concerning their rights under California State Law regarding Advance Health Care Directives at their first face-to-face contact for services and thereafter upon request by a Medi-Cal beneficiary.
- 2.2 In the event a beneficiary presents a specific completed, properly executed Advance Health Care Directive, the document shall be placed in the beneficiary's mental health medical record.
- 2.3 Provision of care is not conditioned on whether or not a beneficiary has executed an advance directive.

PROCEDURE

- 3.1 Medi-Cal beneficiaries, 18 years of age and older, shall be provided written information regarding Advance Health Care Directives at the time of the first face-to-face service contact and thereafter upon request.
- 3.2 Informational material regarding Advance Health Care Directives shall be maintained in compliance with existing California State Law and will be updated to reflect changes in State Law within 90 days of the implementation of a change.



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- 3.3 In the event a Medi-Cal beneficiary presents a completed, properly executed Advance Health Care Directive to staff members of a directly operated or contracted provider, the Advance Health Care Directive shall be placed in the beneficiary's mental health record.
- 3.4 Agencies shall document in a prominent part of the beneficiary's current health care record whether or not an Advance Health Care Directive has been executed.

REFERENCES

California Probate Code, Sections 4600 et seq, 4677, 4678, 4686, 4689, 4695, 4730, 4731, 4732, 4740, and 4742

ATTACHMENT

[Attachment I Advance Health Care Directive Acknowledgement Form](#)

REVIEW DATE

This policy shall be reviewed on or before August, 2009.